

# A Comparison of Special Milk Program and Wisconsin School Day Milk Program

For School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

Special Milk Program (SMP)	Wisconsin School Day Milk Program (WSDMP)								
<b><i>How is the program funded?</i></b>									
SMP is a federally funded, USDA nutrition program. Participation is the SFA's decision.	WSDMP is a state-funded program. Participation is SFA's decision.								
<b><i>Which students can participate?</i></b>									
<p><i>Half-day session 3K, 4K, and 5K enrolled students</i></p> <p>Milk is served only to half-day session kindergarten and pre-K enrolled children when the SFA participates in other federally funded nutrition programs (NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP)) and then only if children do not have <u>access</u> to the lunch or breakfast program.</p>	<p><i>Pre-K – Grade 5</i></p> <p>Milk served only to children in pre-K through Grade 5 who qualify for free or reduced price meals. Milk served to children participating in the federal SMP may not be claimed under this program. Milk served during the school's breakfast or lunch periods may not be claimed (double subsidy is not permitted).</p>								
<b><i>What kind of milk can be served?</i></b>									
<p>Pasteurized milk meeting state and local standards must be served.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="99 873 781 1486"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age</th><th>Milk Requirement</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to 2 years</td><td>Unflavored whole milk must be served to one year olds.</td></tr> <tr> <td>2-5 years</td><td>Only low-fat or fat-free milk is permitted for children age two years old and older. Flavored milk, including fat free, is not permitted for children two through five years old in a pre-K setting.  Students enrolled in kindergarten that are five years old may follow the NSLP milk requirements, which allows for fat-free flavored milk.</td></tr> <tr> <td>6 years and older and adult participants</td><td>Flavored milk must be fat-free for children six years old and older.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><a href="#">Federal procurement (purchasing)</a> requirements must be followed.</p>	Age	Milk Requirement	Up to 2 years	Unflavored whole milk must be served to one year olds.	2-5 years	Only low-fat or fat-free milk is permitted for children age two years old and older. Flavored milk, including fat free, is not permitted for children two through five years old in a pre-K setting.  Students enrolled in kindergarten that are five years old may follow the NSLP milk requirements, which allows for fat-free flavored milk.	6 years and older and adult participants	Flavored milk must be fat-free for children six years old and older.	<p>Wisconsin-produced whole, 2%, 1.5% 1%, 0.5% or skim/fat-free white or chocolate milk meeting state standards may be offered.</p> <p>Milk procurement documentation should include language requesting Wisconsin-produced milk.</p>
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<b><i>How should my SFA accommodate special dietary needs?</i></b>									
Milk substitutions for the fluid milk requirement must be made for students with a <a href="#">signed medical statement</a> from a licensed medical practitioner. Accommodations for requests for milk substitutions signed by parents or non-licensed medical providers may be made at the school's discretion. Schools that choose to honor non-disability requests must offer a substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to cow's milk, per <a href="#">SP 07-2010</a> , and must be approved by DPI prior to service. Note, lactose-free milk can be served without prior approval from DPI.	Written documentation should be on file that the individual student is allergic to milk or has a metabolic disorder or other condition that prohibits the consumption of milk. Juice is the only acceptable and claimable substitute for the WSDMP. The juice substitute should be 100% full strength juice and in an 8 fl oz portion.								

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<b>What will my SFA receive reimbursements for?</b>	
<p>Reimbursement limited to only kindergarten and pre-K children who do not participate in other federal nutrition programs (NSLP and SBP). Milk is claimed in half-pint (8 fl oz) portions. <b>More than one half-pint (8 fl oz) portion may be claimed per student per day.</b></p> <p>SFAs have three pricing options to choose from:</p> <p><b>A. Pricing Plan with Free Milk Option:</b> Provide free milk to students from families meeting the federally established family size income levels for free meals or Direct Certification eligibility for a free milk.</p> <p>Those receiving free milk are claimed as free and reimbursed at the net dairy cost. All others are claimed as 'paid' and reimbursed at the federally established rate. Eligible participants whose family members qualify for reduced price meals are charged for milk and claimed as 'paid'. There is no 'reduced' benefit in the SMP.</p> <p>If operating this plan, service of milk in ½ pint (8 fl oz) cartons is encouraged over the use of gallons of milk to ensure students receive and are claimed for the correct milk benefit.</p> <p><b>B. Nonpricing Plan:</b> Provide milk free of charge to all eligible participants. While no students are charged, all students are claimed as 'paid' on the reimbursement claim and reimbursed at the federally established rate.</p> <p><b>C. Pricing Plan:</b> All students are charged the same rate for milk and are claimed as 'paid' on the claim for reimbursement and reimbursed at the federally established rate. The reimbursement rate should be utilized to keep the milk cost low to households. The following calculation is recommended:</p> <p>½ pint cost \$ __. __ + 2¢ – reimbursement \$ __. __ = \$ __. __ ½ pint price X 180 days = \$ __. __ annual charge.</p>	<p>Reimbursement may be claimed only for children from families eligible for free or reduced price meals in the NSLP. <b>Only one half-pint (8 fl oz) of milk or juice (as a milk substitute for a disability) per student per school day may be claimed.</b> No cost can be charged to the students (free and reduced) for the cost of milk (or juice). Students not qualifying for free or reduced meals (those of paid meal status) <u>cannot</u> be claimed in the WSDMP but can and should be offered milk at the same time as those claimed in the WSDMP as all students must be treated equitably and the anonymity of those receiving free and reduced milk should be protected.</p> <p>The SFA may choose to offer free milk to all students, but only claim reimbursement the milk served to the free and reduced eligible students. If the SFA offers milk for free to all students, the milk cost for those of 'paid' status must be covered by funds outside of the food service fund.</p> <p>The intention is to reimburse the full cost of the beverages served; however, insufficient funds has been appropriated to cover all claims in recent years and therefore SFAs have been reimbursed at approximately 39% of the total claim for reimbursement.</p>
<b>How and when does my SFA submit the claims for reimbursement?</b>	
<p>Reimbursements are claimed online via <a href="#">Online Services</a> and are paid monthly.</p>	<p>One claim for reimbursement is to be filed online via <a href="#">Online Services</a> by August 31, following the year for which the claim applies. A lump sum, fair-share payment will be made to the participating SFA in the following school year, typically in early spring.</p>
<b>How does my SFA apply?</b>	
<p>SFAs can apply for the SMP at any time through the online School Nutrition Program Contract for NSLP accessed via <a href="#">Online Services</a>.</p>	<p>SFAs can apply for the WSDMP by completing a paper <a href="#">Application Agreement/Policy Statement Wisconsin School Day Milk Program (PI-1464)</a> and submitting it to the DPI School Nutrition Team. The SFA then must note participation in the WSDMP in the online School Nutrition Program Contract accessed via <a href="#">Online Services</a>. Completion of new paper application from year to year is not required; however, if programming details change considerably, an updated agreement should be submitted for review and approval.</p>
<b>Where can my SFA find more information?</b>	
<p><a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/milk-programs/special-milk">http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/milk-programs/special-milk</a></p>	<p><a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/milk-programs/wisconsin-school-day-milk">http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/milk-programs/wisconsin-school-day-milk</a> and the <a href="#">WSDMP FAQs</a>.</p>